


COVID-2019 Task Force FAQ's Long Hill Township

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FAQ for March 15, 2020

How will I be notified if the virus is detected in our area? How can I stay informed?

We will notify you of emergent situations using **Alert LongHill**  [1 page]. If you have not already, we highly recommend that [you sign up here](#). The latest answers to your questions will always be available in this FAQ which is located on our [COVID-2019 Task Force Home page](#).

What is closed in town and what township services are impacted?

See the current [list of closings and cancellations](#).

See this [letter from the Township Administrator](#) . It addresses affected town hall services.

Who can I contact with health questions?

Visit the NJ Health website using the link above or call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-222-1222. For specific medical questions and concerns we encourage residents to call their primary care physician.

Are First Responders and Health Care providers protected from COVID-2019?

Protecting our Police, Fire, First Aid and Health Care providers is paramount. Here are the actions we have taken to keep them safe so that they can respond in the moments that matter:

1. We have ordered and received a sufficient inventory of personal protective equipment (PPE's) for all of our first responders. Don't be alarmed if you see First Responders in gowns, protective masks and safety glasses. This is an extra precaution to protect them and you.
2. We have ordered decontamination UV devices. While we wait, should it be needed, we will decontaminate emergency vehicles with equipment from our County partners.
3. We implemented COVID-2019 training and awareness programs for all first responders.

Should community organization meetings and Church services be canceled?

The Governor recommends cancellation of all public gatherings of more than 250 individuals.

Beyond that, we are in contact with Churches and organization leaders to help them answer this difficult question. Discuss your concerns with your leaders. Ultimately it's your personal decision to attend a meeting or not.

This letter from our Health Officer is a good [social distancing](#) resource. In social distancing, maintain a physical separation of 6 feet and avoid mass gatherings but remember “distancing” is not isolation. Stay connected with friends and family and with your larger Long Hill community.

I would like to help. How can I get involved locally?

First, you can help by following the recommended precautions. It may not seem like much but practicing [social distancing](#) and washing your hands can minimize the chance of overloading the system which directly helps our health care providers.

Read the material found on the [COVID-2019 Task Force Home page](#). Then ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Here are some ways you can get more involved:

- Make a phone call to a senior citizen or family member. Sometimes, just talking helps.
- Ask [Shayne Daly](#), our local Emergency Management Coordinator 908-647-6131
- Ask local churches, the senior center and local groups what they might need.
- Join a Fire Company or the First Aid Squad.

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